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BEAVERTON NOW OFFERS TRAFFIC SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE

- New Diversion Program Available to Drivers Starting June 1 -

Beaverton, Oregon (June 1, 2009) – The City of Beaverton’s new traffic school diversion program is available to drivers starting today, June 1, 2009. Qualified drivers who have received a citation for a moving violation, not involving an accident, will now have the opportunity to complete a traffic safety education program and have the charge dismissed.

“The goal of traffic school is to improve public safety by motivating those who have received citations to become safer drivers,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “Beaverton’s new traffic school option will give drivers the opportunity to change their driving habits.”

Drivers are eligible for consideration for traffic school if all of the following apply:

- Cited for a moving violation that does not involve an accident.
- The driver has no previous moving violation or traffic crime convictions within the last two years.
- The driver has not participated in a Traffic School Program in the last two years.
- The driver holds a valid non-commercial driver license or permit.
- The driver meets eligibility requirements set forth by the Court as determined at the Court appearance.

Those drivers who volunteer for traffic school agree to plead ‘guilty’ or ‘no contest,’ complete a traffic course from the list of approved schools within 60 days, and pay a traffic school fee to the court (instead of the base fine) that is equivalent to 75 percent of the base fine. (i.e. If the base fine is \$125, the traffic school fee will be \$94.) When those conditions are met, the charge will be dismissed and will not appear on the driving record. No extensions will be granted. If the class is not completed and the fee is not paid in full within 60 days, a conviction will be entered and a fine assessed.

Approved traffic schools include Court Services Institute (online class, \$40, and in-person classes in English and Spanish, \$45) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) courses (information is available at www.aarp.org/families/driver_safety). Registration fees are payable to the school and are in addition to the traffic school fee paid to Beaverton Municipal court.

For more information about the Beaverton Municipal Court and the traffic school diversion program, please call (503) 526-2290/ TTY/TDD: (503) 526-2514.

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